

#### **NORTH CAROLINA**

Department of Transportation















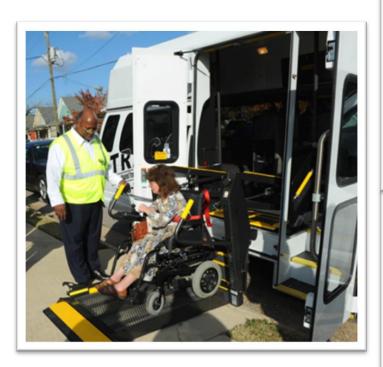




# Public Transportation Division: Joint Transportation Appropriations

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# What is Public Transportation?







Public transportation allows North Carolina's citizens to live in the community they choose while having connectivity within their community and to other neighboring / regional communities.

# **North Carolina Population Growth**

#### Wake County:

64 new residents each day

#### Statewide:

281 new residents each day

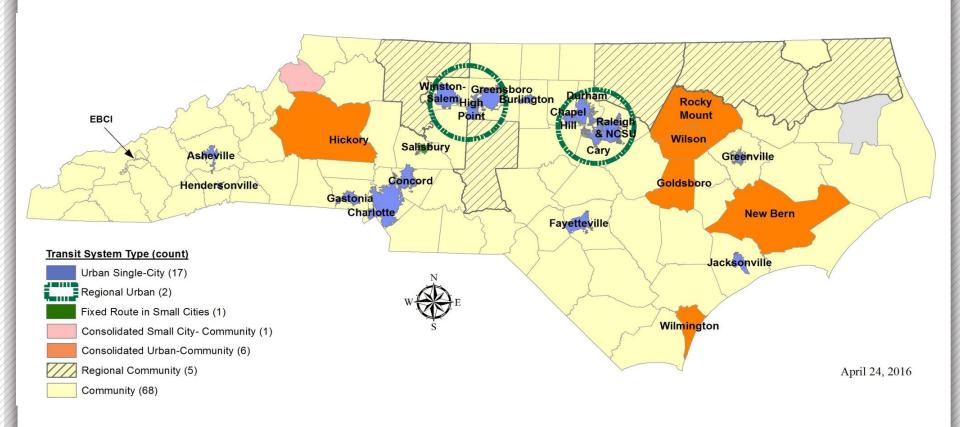
#### By 2030, expect:

3 million new residents



Are we ready?

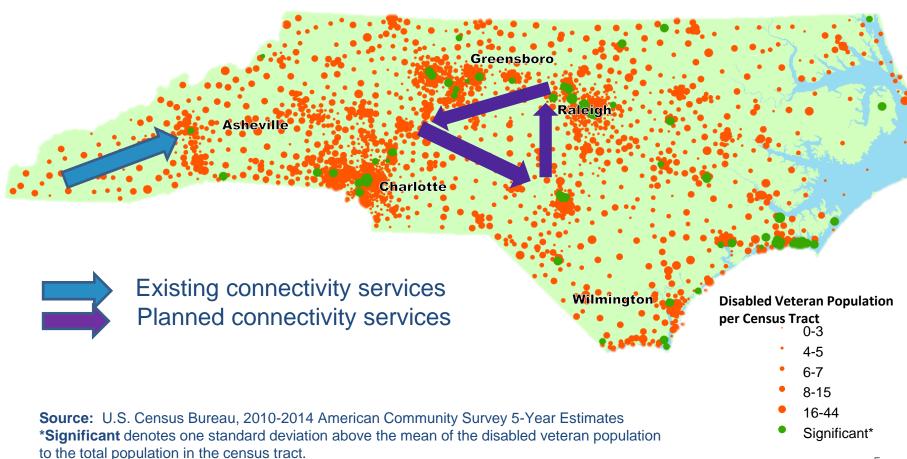
# **NC Public Transportation Coverage**



#### NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

#### PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC PLAN

### Connecting North Carolinians to Opportunities



#### **Benefits of Transit**

#### Public Transportation Enhances Connectivity and Personal Opportunities

 Gives people options or provides the only way to get to work, school, doctor's appointments, and other important places

# **Public Transportation Saves Families Money**

 A two-person household can save, on average, more than \$10,174 a year by downsizing to one car

# **Public Transportation Reduces Congestion**

 Latest research shows that in 2011, U.S. public transportation use saved 865 million hours in travel time



\* Source: American Public Transportation Association

### **Investments in Transit**

# **Public Transportation Provides Economic Opportunities**

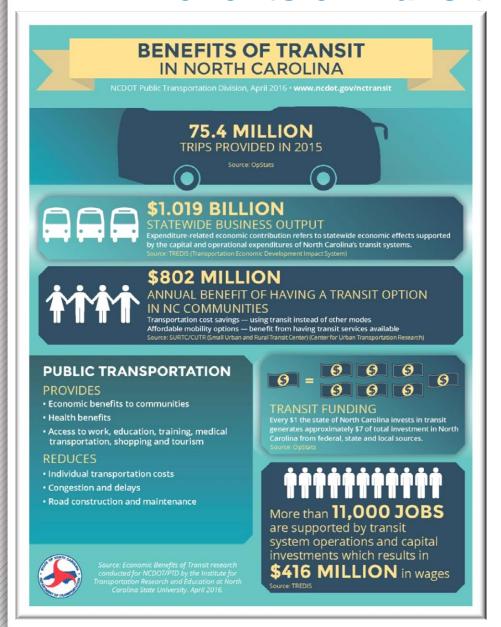
- Every \$1 invested in public transportation generates approximately \$4 in economic returns
- Every \$1 billion invested in public transportation supports and creates more than 50,000 jobs
- Every \$10 million in capital investment in public transportation yields \$30 million in increased business sales
- Home values performed 42 percent better, on average, if they were located near public transportation with high-frequency service





\* Source: American Public Transportation Association

#### **Benefits of Transit in North Carolina**



State money invested in transit in all 100 counties results in direct Federal and local investment and helps secure the following **annual benefits**:

- 75.4 million passengers in 2015
- 11,000 jobs supported
- \$416 million in wages
- \$1.019 billion in statewide business output

Note: this analysis uses NCDOT operating statistics and does not include urban capital

# **Budget Overview**





# State Funding Categories from Highway Fund

State
Operating
Assistance

- Urban (SMAP)
- Rural (ROAP)
- International Trade Show Transportation

\$52.4 M

FTA Matching Assistance

- Administration
- Capital
- Operating
- Planning

\$36.5 M

State Programs

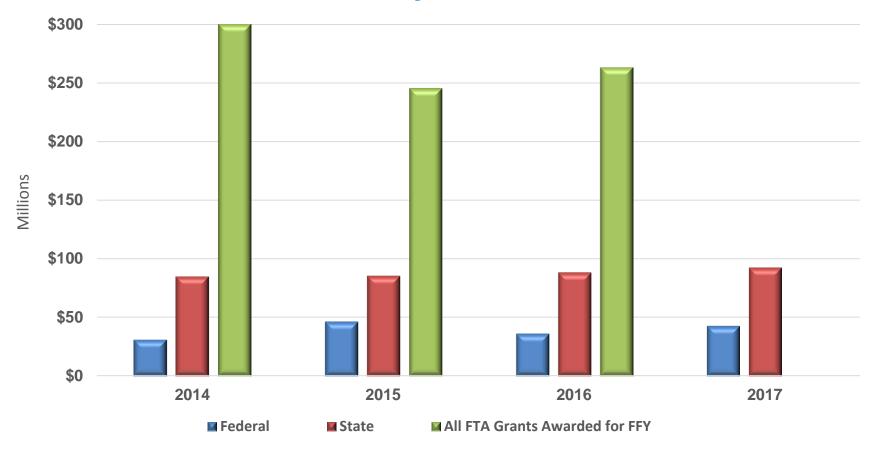
- Interns & Apprentices
- Technology
- Transportation Demand Management

\$3.3 M

**Total** \$92.2 M

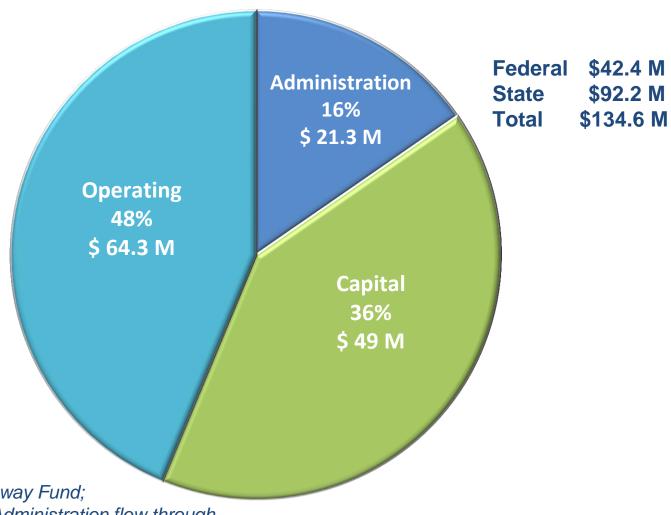
Note: No Highway Trust Fund projects

# Federal Transit Administration and State Highway Fund Projects - Managed by NCDOT by Fiscal Year



Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant Awards for FFY 2017 available in January 2018

# FY 17 Funding Managed by NCDOT: by Expense Category



Note: State Highway Fund;

Federal Transit Administration flow through

funds

# Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Formula Program – N.C. Federal FY16 Apportionments

FTA Program	Title	FFY16 NC Funding	
5303 / 5304	Metropolitan and Statewide Planning	\$2,621,428	
5310	Enhanced Mobility for Adults and People with Disabilities	\$7,781,071	
5311	Non-urbanized Area Formula	\$28,826,455	
5307	Urbanized Area Formula	\$67,086,380	
5309*	Fixed Guideway Capital Investment Grants (CIG)	\$174,999,999	
5329	State Safety Oversight	\$343,847	
5337*	State of Good Repair Formula (Rail)	\$2,415,191	
5339	Bus and Bus Facilities Formula (New funding with FAST Act)	\$8,299,924	
North Carolina Federal Formula Program FY 2016 Total \$292,374,295			
Source: FTA FFY 16 Apportionment Tables by Funding Program – FFY17 not available			

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### **Financial Plan Goals**

- Supports coordination model
- Supports regionalism
- Rewards performance
- Every county receives funding
- Formula driven
- Simple and transparent
- Flexible

### **Innovations Office Current Initiatives**

#### **Research Projects**

ecoPRT

Cameras as passenger counters for deviated fixed route services

#### **Rides to Wellness**

NC Center for Rural Health NC Division of Health and Human Services Veterans Initiatives

#### **Transportation Demand Management**

New initiative for projects must have: statewide applicability; measurable performance; innovation; and vehicle miles traveled (VMT) impact

# **FEMA Mission Assignment for Evacuation Events**

Created in partnership with FTA National model



# Ridership

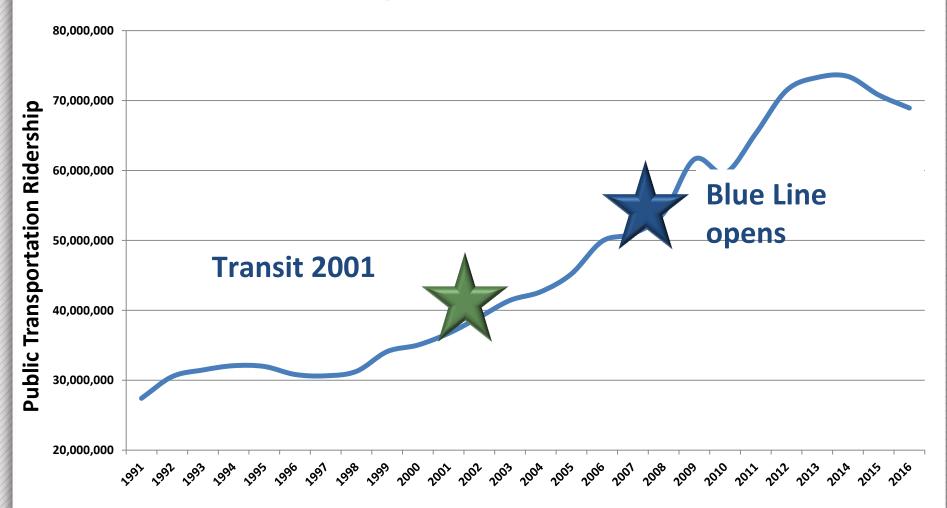






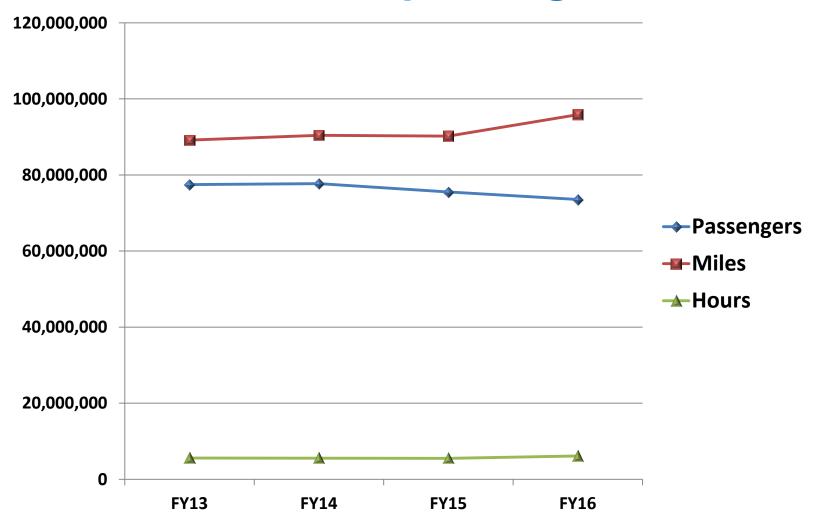


# NC Urban Public Transit Fastest Growing in Southeast



**Source: National Transit Database through 2015** 

# **North Carolina Operating Statistics**



# **Traditional Service Delivery Models**

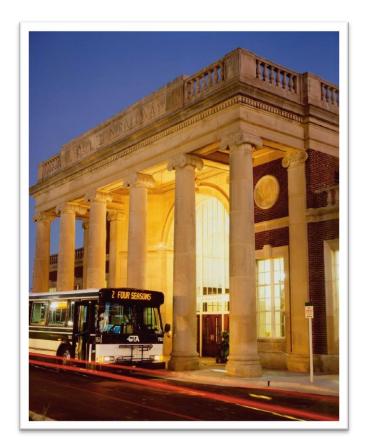
	Community*	Urban
ADA Complementary Paratransit**		
Demand Response	X	
Deviated Fixed Route		<b>★</b>
Fixed Route		***
Fixed Guideway		***

<sup>\*</sup> Community Transportation (CT) also referred to as Rural

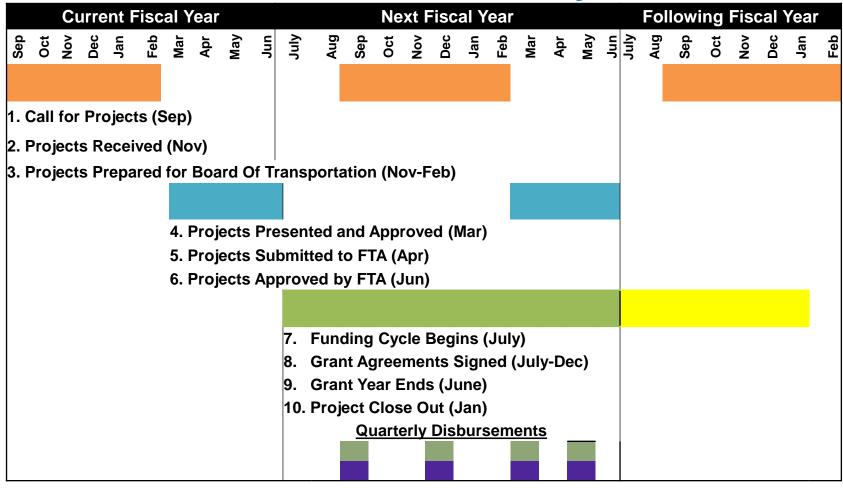
<sup>\*\*</sup> ADA – Americans With Disabilities Act

### **Grant Process**





### 28 Month Grant Cycle



Call for Projects

Board Of Transportation (BOT) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Approval

**Grant Cycle** 

**Grant Close Out** 

State Maintenance Assistance Program (SMAP) payments

**Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) payments** 

## **Meeting Oversight Expectations**

#### **State of North Carolina**

- State Auditor
- NC Grants administrative expectations (2016)
- NCDOT Fiscal and Office of Inspector General

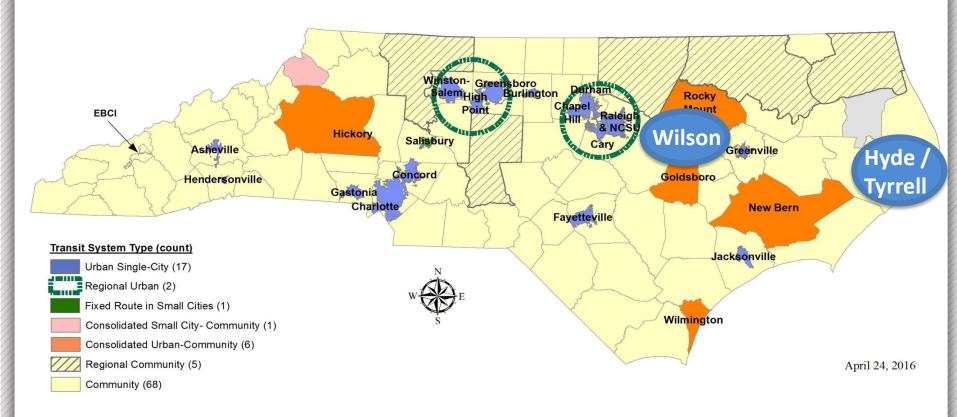
#### **Federal Transit Administration**

- Review every 3 years (2017)
  - 17 oversight areas plus Safety
     Management System, National Transit
     Database and Transit Asset
     Management
- Six year master schedule for oversight activities
- Staff has assigned activities for 150 sub recipients
- Structured grant application review / preaward audit of new grantees





# Regional and Consolidated Transit Systems





Expected new regional / consolidated systems on July 1, 2017

# **Consolidated and Regional Systems**

#### **Major Findings from Prior Studies**

- Regional framework is a continuum of activities ranging from communication, coordination, collaboration, to consolidation
- Incentives are necessary to encourage regional implementation of action plans

#### **Recent Activities**

- Promoting City / County consolidated applications
- Encouraging new general public activities through regional partnerships

#### **Current Incentives / Activities**

- Providing base funding per county in rural formula program
- Shifting federal formula funding due to urbanization of NC
- Funding operating assistance for consolidated and coordinated systems
- Conducting a statewide Strategic Plan



# Public Transportation Bus/Van Replacement and Expansion Update for FY18-19

**Bus and Van Replacements** 

Category *	Total
Rural replacement	\$ 28,960,790
Urban replacement	\$111,855,271
Total	\$140,816,061

#### **Highway Trust Fund – STI Projects**

2018-2019 Draft STIP	Total
FY18	\$ 101,200
FY19	\$ 326,571
Total	\$ 427,771



\* Data sources: Rural (PTD Transit Asset Management Plan); Urban (2017 Funding Plan); STI expansion from Prioritization 4 selected projects

# Thank you!



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